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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takayuki TOSHIMA et al.

Application No.: 10/036,787

Group Art Unit: 1763

Filed: October 19, 2001

Examiner: Roberts P. Culbert

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF
PROCESSING SURFACE OF SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, for which a response was due on March 23, 2004, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from March 23, 2004, to June 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

☒ There are no amendments to the specification.

☐ Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

CLAIMS

☐ There are no amendments to the claims.

☒ A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.